

December 12, 2011

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Tom Hogan – Johnson Controls, Inc.; Geneva, Tony, and Ashley James; Bob Boerner; John Taylor – Ex. Dir. PCEDP; Larry Williams; Rhyse Mathew – Posey County News; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Supt. Gray reported the water department now owns the Shephard Building and the old owners are to be out by March 1, 2012. He then stated they will have to do the asbestos inspection and then go out for bids on the demolition. He had originally thought they could do the demo in-house, but there are power lines fairly close as well as other buildings. He added he doesn't believe the demo should be that costly.

Chairman Curtis agreed it would be a better idea to get quotes.

Supt. Gray agreed.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?
There was no response.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.
Board member Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.
Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Geneva, Tony, and Ashley James; Bob Boerner; John Taylor – Ex. Dir. PCEDP; Larry Williams; Rhyse Mathew – Posey County News; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; and Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report.
Comm. Maynard was not present.
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.

Police & Dog Chairman Askren stated she has no report.
Chief Beloit stated he has no report.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Hoehn stated he has no report.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.

Supt. Givens presented the following as an update to the Sewer Project:

Mill Creek site piping	early start date 12/19/11	early finish date 12/28/11
Mill Creek backfill/ Shape up site	early start date 12/21/11	early finish date 01/02/12
UV Structure bypass Pumping	early start date 12/12/11	early finish date 01/03/12
UV Structure modify Concrete Structure	early start date 12/14/11	early finish date 01/02/12
Headworks bypass Pumping	early start date 12/13/11	early finish date 12/13/11
Headworks demo of Primary tank 1	early start date 12/14/11	early finish date 12/22/11
Admin Bldg Pre-Eng Building	early start date 12/19/11	early finish date 01/13/12

Supt. Givens then stated everything is going pretty good and the completion date is still set.

Councilman Hoehn asked if that date is November 2012 ?

Supt. Givens replied yes, they are still pushing for that date, even with possible weather delays.

Mayor Tucker stated this can not get off the city's plate soon enough. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report before them and if they have any questions for the Clerk-Treasurer, they need to do it quick, as she will be switching jobs at the first of the year.

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda, with the first item being the final reading of the Ordinance Establishing Salaries for the Elected Officials for the City of Mount Vernon for the Year Ending December 31, 2012.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass final reading. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 11-18.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is a Resolution to Transfer in the General Fund.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated this transfer is for the Storm Sewer Budget, in the Other Services and Charges category – they are transferring out the Personal Services and Supplies to cover some engineering expenses, etc. that were paid on the West Elementary Storm Sewer Project. She added this does not involved new money, rather moving it around in the same budget in order to balance it.

Councilman Hoehn moved the Resolution be approved. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 11-19.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is a Restatement of the City's Valic Retirement Plan. He further stated he received some information from Attorney Higgins on this, some 30 pages, and it is not finalized at this point. Attorney Higgins is still trying to gather some information from the City's Valic representative. She has been working on this since November. He added it is not changing the plan in any way, and it is not cutting or adding to what the city contributes per employee.

Councilman Hoehn asked Attorney Higgins' recommendations ?

Councilman Curtis stated he looked over her email and he agrees with Mayor Tucker there are no changes, just restating the current plant. She recommends Council authorize Mayor Tucker to sign the paperwork when it has been finalized. He then moved Mayor Tucker be authorized to sign paperwork restating the City's Valic Retirement Plan, once finalized by Attorney Higgins. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

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Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Councilwoman Higgins stated she would like to thank all of the City Departments for their help with Christmas on Main Street, it was a great event. WOW. She added she was very impressed with the turn out, as they had over 275 kids – the fire truck was lit up, it was great. The event was handled safely, she has had much interest in next year's event already and it will be big. Thank you !

Councilman Curtis stated he talked with folks on the street that night and everyone was pleased, it was another family affair with great weather.

Councilwoman Higgins stated First United Methodist Church had 30 "elves" and they really stepped up.

Mayor Tucker stated Councilwoman Higgins and Larry Williams, along with the rest of the committee, did a great job. Thanks so much.

Mr. Williams stated he wants to thank the Breakfast With Santa Committee for giving them all of their props, money, etc. He then state they will need to collect money and gifts for next year's event.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Councilwoman Higgins stated she has received calls about traffic flow on E. Water Street – speeding. She wondered about a STOP sign at Sawmill and one at Canal. She asked that Council look at the area and they can discuss at the next meeting.

Councilman Hoehn asked about traffic counters – doesn't the Street Department have some they could use in the area ?

Councilman Fuelling replied he believes so and will check on that.

Mayor Tucker stated also under New Business is discussion of the meeting on December 26, as that is City Holiday. He added Council can decide to change the date or cancel.

After discussion, it was agreed that IF a meeting needs to be held, it will be on December 27th. The Clerk-Treasurer will notify Council and media in that event.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker stated he really has nothing, other than this will be Councilwoman Askren's last meeting and it has been a pleasure working with her. She has been a hard worker, involved in the community, and has done a super job. He added he appreciates her efforts.

Councilwoman Askren added if she ever quits work, she will be more involved.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilwoman Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer